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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING ANTIBODIES AGAINST A POLYPEPTIDE IN WHICH THE NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING THE PEPTIDE IS KNOWN

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant herein responds to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2002 (Paper No. 10). Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 08-1641. Applicants requests reconsideration and allowance in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the specification:

Delete the title paragraph on lines 6 to 8 of the first page and replace with the following:

AN ANTIBODY PREPARATION PROCESS BASED ON SELECTION FROM EXPRESSED NUCLEIC ACID

In the Abstract:

Delete the abstract page and replace with the following paragraph:

A process is provided for producing antibodies that react specifically against a polypeptide that is encoded by a nucleic acid of a known sequence. In an embodiment the nucleic acid is expressed by a host cell via a vector having at least one sequence encoding a detection signal and the polypeptide binds to a solid phase by aid of the

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